

GVI Online

Course syllabus

Ethics in Sustainable Development



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The Ethics in Sustainable Development course equips you with tools and approaches to assess the actions we take when trying to help others. The course will challenge you to stop and think about how you're doing good, and whether there's a better way to go about it.

Modules		Lessons	Learning objectives
1.	Introduction to Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical Theory: Approaches, History and Challenges Saying Hello: What Motivates You and Your Classmates? Introducing Ethics as a Field of Study The Trolley Dilemma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the four different branches of ethics and what these mean Describe basic normative ethical theories Understand how ethical theories can be applied to everyday moral issues
2.	Ethical Theories in Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Utility Kant and Moral Choice Ethics and Everyday Life What are Ethical Theories and Why Do They Matter in Today's World? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the basic elements of Kantian ethics (deontological) and its implications Describe what utilitarianism (consequentialism) is Identify other key theories: ethical egoism and contract theory
3.	Ethics and Solutions to Global Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Life You Can Save Thomas Pogge and the Challenge of Global Justice Who's Tackling the Big Issues? Harming or Helping: What's Our Moral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the ethical concepts behind charity, aid and effective altruism Analyse contrasting viewpoints of systemic change and global justice

		<p>Obligation to the Global South?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aid, Justice and Impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correlate the ideas behind effective altruism and global justice to ethical theories Discuss what our moral obligations are, including positive and negative duties 	
4.	Is There a "Right and Wrong" Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating Global Justice and Solidarity GVI's Human Empowerment Principles Storytelling: What Stories Have Impacted You? Power, Horizontal Relationships and Empowerment Principles The Stepping Stones to Your Ethical Career 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key problematic areas and concepts in the aid, development and volunteering sectors Discuss the various movements, organisations and ideas that aim to tackle historic injustices in these sectors Identify what kinds of organisations and movements resonate with you to make your impact ethically 	
5.	The Future of Doing Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why the Future Belongs to Social Enterprise Bringing it Back to Basics: What Motivates You to Make an Impact? Evolving Ways of Doing Good Linking It All Together: Your Ethical Future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link ethical career options with ethical concepts and theories Communicate various ways of "doing good" not limited to traditional forms of charity and philanthropy Identify key trends and areas of innovation in the sustainable development and non-profit sectors 	

Distribution of learning effort

- Course total: 10 - 15 hours, self-paced.
- Per module: Average of 2 hours for videos, reading material, quizzes and engagement in the discussion forum.
- Final quiz-based assignment: Up to 1.5 hours to complete.

Your responsibility

You are expected to:

- complete your profile on Canvas with some background information on your areas of interest, work experience and/or educational qualifications and upload a profile picture
- master a series of modules that consist of readings, videos, presentations and notes
- undertake self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module to enhance your overall understanding of the content
- make at least one significant contribution to the discussion forum in each module (we define significant as something that adds a new perspective, provides input on resources and networks. or ask questions)
- complete the quiz-based course assignment at the end of the course

Assessments

- You will only be graded on the final course assignment. This is a summative assessment that integrates learning from all the modules.
- You are required to participate in pre- and post-course surveys and contribute to the discussion forums.
- You will not be graded on the self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module. These are formative assessments.

Grading

- You will need to achieve a grade of 75% or higher on your final course assignment to pass the course and receive a certificate of completion.